



PATENT

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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

**1. Identification of Person Making this Disclaimer (Disclaimant)**

I, Anthony E. Bennett, Esq.,

represent that I am

- ☐ an inventor of this invention.
- ☐ an assignee of this invention.
- ☐ a representative authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee identified below.
- ☒ an attorney/agent of record for this invention.

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## 2. Identity of Assignee

The assignee of this invention is: THE HOLMES GROUP having an address in One Holmes Way, Milford Massachusetts 02757.

## 3. Extent of Disclaimant's Interest

The extent of the interest in this invention that the disclaimant owns or represents is in:

- ☒ the whole of the invention.  
☐ a sectional interest in this invention, as follows:

## 4. Recordation of Assignment in USPTO

☒ The assignment of the above-identified interest to The Holmes Group was recorded in the USPTO on October 12, 2004 at Reel 015879; Frame 0535.

- ☐ Authorization for recordation of an assignment of the above-identified interest is attached hereto, together with a separate assignment document cover sheet (Form PTO 1595).

## 5. Establishing Right of Assignee to Take Action

- ☐ Attached is a Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing the right of the assignee to take action in this case.

## 6. Disclaimer

The terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application identified above, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of:

- ☐ United States Patent Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer,  
☒ Any patent granted on Application Serial No. 10/371,610,

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- ☒ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 110.00.  
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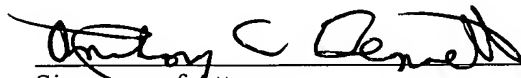
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Date: June 22, 2005

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